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## RIDDER NAMED.

New Yorker Succeeds Haskell as Democratic Treasurer.

New York, Sept. 26.—Herman Ridder, editor of The Staats Zeitung and vice chairman of the publicity bureau of the Democratic national committee, was tonight appointed by National Chairman Mack as treasurer of the national committee to succeed Gov. Charles N. Haskell, of Oklahoma, who resigned his position early today in Chicago.

The appointment of Mr. Ridder as treasurer of the committee was made by telephone a few minutes before Chairman Mack's departure for the West.

Mr. Mack said: "I am very much pleased that Mr. Ridder has seen fit to accept the responsibilities of the treasurership. He is a very high type of the American business man and one whose associations and connections will not bring him under charge of suspicion of having to do with those corporations to which Democracy is opposed."

Mr. Ridder will probably leave for Chicago within a few days to take up the work at headquarters.

Mr. Ridder was seen at the Hoffman house tonight and said:

"Mr. Mack offered me the position of treasurer, and I accepted, for the reason that I favor tariff reform, and as the only hope of tariff reduction is in the success of Bryan and the Democratic party, I considered it my duty to take the office and do everything in my power to assist the Democratic party to win, that the people may be relieved from the extortion of the trusts protected by the high tariff."

## BIG STAKE RACES AT STATE FAIR

For the First Time South Carolina Gets Stake Races—Big Entries.

Columbia, S. C.—(Special.)—In all the life of the State Fair—forty years—there have never been anything like the races that are scheduled for this year. The fair opens October 26th and closes October 30th. There will be four days of racing. Already five stake races have been arranged for trotters and pacers. Purses will be offered for both harness and running horses.

Between \$6,000.00 and \$7,000.00 has been offered as prizes for these races. The attractive prizes, together with the fact that so many of the Northern and Eastern tracks have had trouble with the racers, will make the entries here fair week the best aggregation of fast horses ever seen anywhere in the South.

Strings of horses from the most renowned stables in the country will be here for the week. With the races nearly two months off, the entries for the stake races counted up to ninety-three, and it is expected that more than a hundred of America's finest racers will be entered for the stake races.

The purse races will be much above the average this year. More money is offered and better horses will be raced. The track has been put in apple pie order and the grandstands enlarged and reworked. This was necessary to accommodate the immense crowds that will witness all of the races during fair week, this being the first of the series in the Virginia-Carolina Circuit.

There will be other sports. Davidson College plays Clemson on Wednesday, and the University of South Carolina plays Davidson College on Thursday. Mr. R. C. Keenan will have the races in charge, and he knows his business. President Mobley expects the races this year to bring people to the fair from every part of the State and from many surrounding States.

"Human Hearts." Good plays, like good wine, improve with age. This is certainly true of that marvellously successful melodrama "Human Hearts" which Manager Nankeville offers for the tenth year. The company to be seen in the play this season comprises all of last year's favorites, and wherever a part could be improved upon, the change has been made, and it is promised that never before has this beautiful play been so well presented. "Human Hearts" gives a pure, wholesome lesson that touches the heart-strings in the pathetic scenes and excites the risibilities in the humorous ones. The pathos and comedy are so well blended that the audience is in tears one moment and convulsed with laughter the next. The scenery equipment will be perfect in every detail, so it is said, and the management has done everything possible to insure a first class performance.

## FOR GOOD ROADS.

President Sligh of Good Roads League Sends Out Letter—Vice-Presidents.

Sometime ago at a meeting of the rural letter carriers it was decided to organize a good roads league for Newberry county. Mr. W. K. Sligh was elected president and given authority to appoint vice-presidents in each township. He has named these officers and sent out a circular letter to each outlining his duties. He has also sent a petition for the vice-presidents to have the citizens in each township sign with a view of working up a sentiment in favor of good roads. A copy of this letter from President Sligh together with a copy of the petition with the list of vice-presidents, is given in this connection. Sept. 14, 1908.

Dear Sir:

At a meeting held Sept. 7th, at Newberry a Good Roads League for this county was partially organized, and the president of the League was instructed to appoint a vice-president from each Township. It gives me pleasure to ask you to serve as vice-president from your township.

The duties of your office will be defined when the by-laws of the League are prepared and adopted. But you may assume that among your duties will be to take active control of the organization in your Township and to advance in other ways the interest of the league.

The object of the league as its name indicates is to secure good roads for our county. It is its purpose to help improve the condition of our roads in the immediate future, and finally, if possible, to secure hard roads, that shall be properly laid out and graded. To accomplish this latter object may take years but this is our ultimate aim.

This work can be done only after thorough organization. We will first of all need to educate our people to see the great importance of improving our highways. This we hope to do through out county and local organizations. Literature on the subject will be distributed and a liberal use made of the county papers. When the local leagues are organized, speakers will be sent to them to discuss good roads and how to get them.

First of all we want to get a local league in each township. Will you not at once secure in your township signers to the roll? I enclose a form for members to sign. The only condition for membership is a desire to have better roads and a willingness to participate in a discussion of plans whereby they may be had. The league has no plans as yet. Such plans must be the result of the discussions which will follow after we get organized. It will not be necessary to hold a meeting of your local league for some time yet. We simply want to get signers to the rolls now, and we want to get as many as possible. Later a call will be issued for the township leagues to meet and organize. There are no fees.

We are counting upon your active co-operation in this matter. Of course, it will take some of your time, but we feel that this is a most worthy cause and that you cannot serve your county in a better way. Personally, I believe that this subject of roads should command the serious thoughts of our people. Good roads would do more for the county than any other thing. Their value cannot be over-estimated.

I further believe that if our people will give this subject serious consideration and band themselves together for a serious discussion of this question that some feasible and satisfactory plan can be evolved by which better roads may be had.

I shall be pleased to hear that you accept this position and that you are enrolling members.

Yours truly,

W. K. Sligh,  
President Newberry Good Roads League.

We, the undersigned citizens of No. \_\_\_\_\_ Township, hereby enroll our names as members of the Newberry Good-Roads League and in doing so

we express our sympathy with the Good-Roads cause. We desire to have this subject discussed to the end that we may become informed, and we promise to aid in this discussion to the extent of our ability. We do not hereby commit ourselves to any plan for securing better roads, and we understand that there are no membership fees.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Post-office \_\_\_\_\_

The following named persons have been appointed as vice-presidents from their respective Townships:

- No. 1—Mr. C. T. Summer.
- No. 2—Dr. W. C. Brown.
- No. 3—Mr. William Whitney.
- No. 4—Mr. John W. Scott.
- No. 5—Mr. W. C. Sligh.
- No. 6—Mr. W. P. Smith.
- No. 7—Mr. W. R. Reid.
- No. 8—Mr. I. P. Cannon.
- No. 9—Dr. G. Y. Hunter.
- No. 10—Mr. T. J. Wilson.
- No. 11—Dr. E. O. Hentz.

## Sunlight Society.

The thirteenth annual State Grand Lodge of the Sunlight Society convened with Welch Zion Baptist church at ten o'clock, Aug. 6, 1908. The convention was called to order by Bro. M. C. Seurry, the grand president, and prayer was offered by Rev. D. C. Copeland, of Laurens. President M. C. Seurry then addressed the convention. He made some very entertaining remarks to the delegates and visiting wards. He spoke as follows:

"As this is the thirteenth annual session of the State Grand Lodge of the Sunlight Society, I want each delegate, each president, and each friend to fully understand the purpose of this convention. First, I will say that in order that we may not return to our homes ashamed and that there be no whiskey selling or drinking around this church or any killing, I empower each delegate if they see any selling or drinking of whiskey about the church they report it to me and I will send the names of the party or parties so charged to the trial justice in the city. Further if you see anyone carrying concealed weapons I want you to inform me for we are under the State charter and for us to demand proper protection we must help the State to uphold and enforce the law. I want it understood that the Sunlight Society was not organized for politics and I shall see to it that no political speeches are made in this convention. We are a charitable society. Now in conclusion I will say that I shall not allow any delegate or friend to speak a word against the white people for all of the white people are my friends and they are our friends if you will let them, and I say to you work for the white people if they ask you and do them a favor. That is right. Do it and they will not forget you. Tell the white people that you cannot live here without them, and they cannot do without us and they will agree with you. Let us work for them and I will assure you that the negro of Newberry county and all other counties especially the members of the Sunlight Society will receive full protection at the hands of our white people."

After this election of officers took place and the following were elected: Bro. M. C. Seurry, was unanimously elected to succeed himself as the grand president for two years. We trust in God to do more charitable work this year. We have had 12 members die during the past year and all of them were buried by Mr. P. F. Baxter and Son and Mr. R. Y. Leavell and Son. M. C.

A man is not justified in becoming a night rider merely because he cannot afford a high upower motor car. Within three weeks the political excitement will be allayed to some extent by the foot ball games.

As for the town of Columbia, it never won a pennant in its life.—News and Courier.

Is it true that that Savannah is to have a sixteen-story blind tiger skyscraper?—News and Courier.

## NEW EXHIBITS AT THE STATE FAIR

October 26 to 30—Prizes for Successful Farmers.

One of the best attractions at the State Fair this year, which will be held in Columbia beginning Monday, October 26th, and closing Friday, October 30th, will be the Field Crop Department. This new feature will prove of interest to every farmer in the State. It will be under the management of Prof. J. N. Harper, Director of the Clemson Experimental Station, who is one of the best agricultural experts in the South. Professor Harper has personally selected the exhibits for this department, and will arrange everything to advantage. He will be assisted by his whole corps of expert associates, and it will be worth the trip to the fair just to talk to these expert men and get their ideas on practical farming.

Clemson College will have a big exhibit in this department, but will not be allowed to compete with the individual exhibits. Some fine prizes will be awarded the farmers. For instance, \$50 will be given for the largest yield of corn to the acre, \$25 for the second best, and cotton will have the same amount awarded for the best yield per acre. Dozens of other interesting contests have been provided.

President Mobley, being a practical stockman himself, is giving much attention to this part of the fair. There will be more thoroughbreds shown than ever before. The stalls have all been renovated and the pure water from the city has been connected, so that the cattle and stock will be well taken care of. This will be good news to hundreds of breeders who might otherwise have hesitated to send their finest to the fair. The poultry show bids fair to be a grand success this year. There seems to be more interest in every department. The management believes this will be the largest and best fair ever held here. Information as to the prizes will be cheerfully supplied by President John G. Mobley, or Secretary A. W. Love, at Columbia, S. C.

## Neglect of Yellow Pine Forests in the South.

In many parts of the country the most progressive men of the lumber industry have felt the greatest necessity of adopting better methods of protecting their timber holdings from fire but in some places there still remains much to be done. This is particularly true through a part of the great yellow pine belt of the South upon which the naval stores industry of the world is largely dependent. A timber owner of Florida, in writing to the forest service at Washington, talks of the matter as follows:

"Speaking of fire protection: There is absolutely nothing being done. The turpentine people, to protect their turpentine timber, rake around the trees during early winter, and then burn the woods. This is done to keep off the forest fires of early spring. These fires are supposed to be set by the cattle interests, for the purpose of burning off the dry grass, so that the young grass will come up, on which the cattle feed. In doing this, they destroy millions of young pines that have just started to grow and are too small and tender to stand the heat of the fire.

"If these fires could be stopped, it would solve the problem of re-forestation, as far as Florida is concerned. I have thought for a long time that a no fence law would go far toward stopping the burning of the woods. As it is now, there is no regulation."

"What I mean to say is, that if you own a small piece of land, say 40 acres, and had 10,000 head of cattle, you are at liberty to graze your cattle on my 10,000 acres of land, or on my neighbor's 20,000 acres of land, and we cannot help ourselves. If we would catch you firing the woods and had a witness to prove it, we could prosecute you, but this is hard to do. If we had a no fence law, you as a cattle owner, would be compelled to keep your cattle in an enclosure, which would remove the temptation of burning the woods of your neighbors, besides being of infinite benefit to poor people in starting little farms. In many instances the fencing of the land is by all odds the largest item of expense in starting a small farm, and often puts it beyond the reach of poor men who might otherwise make a little start toward farming.

"The burning of the grass not only kills millions of small pine trees but it impoverishes the soil and exposes the ground to the heat of the sun, thereby retarding the growth of not only small pine trees but the large ones as well. The thing that is necessary to make the trees healthy and vigorous goes up in smoke every year.

"What I have mentioned, and the many destructive methods being practiced in the cutting of timber in the forest and in the manufacturing of it, is costing the South millions of dollars of which she is taking no account, and the present low prices of lumber and naval stores will add to the destruction, for the reason that many of the owners of timber and turpentine leases will not have money to pay the expense of raking the pines. Our naval stores and lumber are being sent all over the world, and in the majority of cases we are not making expenses out of our commodity, which is really valuable enough to bring a good, liberal stumpage. We are selling our turpentine at 35 and 36 cents per gallon, and it will cost \$1.00 per gallon to reproduce the forest from which it is being taken. The same thing will apply to resin. We are giving the world our crop of lumber at an average of about \$15.00 per thousand feet that will cost us from \$40.00 to \$50.00 per thousand feet to reproduce."

## GREAT GATHERING OF SOUTH CAROLINIANS

The State Fair This Year—October 26 to 30.

The fortieth annual State Fair will be held at Columbia this year October 26-30, and it gives promise to be the greatest State Fair ever held. No matter how bad the crops or how hard the times, everybody goes to the State Fair at Columbia. It has been the custom now for nearly half a century, and it will ever continue so with crowds increasing each year.

The State Fair is the one time of the year that work can be put down and everyone has a good time for a few days. Old acquaintances and relatives meet at the State Fair if they are not fortunate enough to meet elsewhere during the year. Friends meet friends and college men meet their college mates and renew friendships with good stories of the good times of the past.

This year the fair holds even more than that for South Carolinians. It will be made up of new exhibits that will touch the farmers new methods and improvements that mean money to every one of them.

The races will be the best ever seen in the South. This being the first year that the Fair Association has entered the Virginia-Carolina Circuit. The stake races will bring many of the country's very finest racers. The two football games will draw thousands of enthusiastic "rooters" from both the Carolinas.

Columbia is better fitted to take care of her guests than ever before, with more hotel accommodations. The railroads will all put on special rates, as usual. President John G. Mobley, of the Fair Association, has worked hard to get everything in ship-shape, and he predicts the largest crowd in the history of the fair.

## An Interfering Neighbor.

It was a particularly hot summer in the city, and the Russel avenue district was a particularly hot district. For the most part it was a region of lodging houses, and in windows and doors appeared, in one form or another, the familiar sign, "Rooms to Let."

Mr. Morgan, whose dwelling was at the farther end of this region, dropped into his chair one stifling late afternoon, and mopping his forehead, said to his wife, "Well, I've made her mad now."

"Who's mad?" asked his spouse. "Please explain yourself."

"I don't know her name," answered Mr. Morgan. "It's the woman—the lady—who keeps a boarding house on the corner of the avenue and Hammond street. I have to go by there four times a day, you know, and I just couldn't stand it any longer, so I rang the bell. She came. I told her what I wanted in as few words as I know how, and then got out."

"Well, you haven't given me the slightest idea of what it's all about," said his wife.

"That's so, guess I haven't," he admitted. "It is so hot. Why, that sign in her window; I've seen it so often. It's so hot."

Again he paused.

"I'm waiting," stated his wife patiently.

"Oh!" He roused himself. "Yes, it's so hot, and I guess I made her pretty mad. Why, the sign read 'Sunny Rooms, Steam Heat and Continuous Hot Water!'"

He mopped his perspiring forehead again.

"My, but she was mad when I asked her to change it. Guess I shall have to go to the office another way after this."—Youth's Companion.

## JOHN MCGAHA SLAIN

Killed by Unknown Negro—Three Times Acquitted of Murder.

The State.

Anderson, Sept. 27.—Two killings, a shooting which may result in death and an accidental death is the record made in the past 24 hours within a radius of 25 miles of this city.

The first of these occurred in Dunklin township in Greenville county last night, when John McGaha, a white man three times tried and acquitted for murder, was shot and killed by a negro whose name is unknown and who has fled. According to reports received here McGaha and one of the Ashleys went from their homes at Honca Path into Greenville county last night to arrest two negroes and take them back to Honca Path. After capturing the men and while returning with them they were overtaken in the road by a negro, who opened fire upon them. Between 12 and 15 shots were exchanged, and after the smoke had cleared away John McGaha was found dead as he sat in his buggy, with two loads of buckshot in his stomach. McGaha was acquitted in an Abbeville jury two weeks ago of the murder of George Clinkseales, colored, his third victim. The negro who shot McGaha has skipped the country, and his whereabouts are unknown.

## Letters Advertised.

Letters remaining in postoffice at Newberry, S. C., for week ending Sept. 26, 1908.

Mr. Aron Autery.  
Carrie Bridges, Elora Bouknight, Miss Lada Bobos, Myrtle Bugest.

Mr. Charlie Cumbee, Mr. G. H. Cannon, Henrietta Cook.

Mrs. Jasper Elcheberger.  
Mrs. Joey Graham, Arthur Grayer, Mr. Jno. C. Griffin, Mr. Chester Griffin, Mr. O. L. Grubbs.

Phemie Hair.  
James Johnson.

Mr. Antie Kingburn, Mr. B. Loukus, Mr. Will McBride, Mose McKines.

Mr. Charlie Nesbitt, Rosy Polker, Mary Ponds.

Hattie Rice, Mandy Ruff, Mr. Adam Ruff.

Garmon Sly, Jamie Smith, Miss Little Summer.

Mrs. Emer Taylor.  
Nora Wicker.

All persons calling for these letters will please say that they were advertised.

Chas. J. Purcell,  
P. M.

## Proving His Motto.

"Well, sir," exclaimed the millionaire, "what do you want this morning?"

"I've come again to ask for your daughter," said the poor but ambitious young man.

"Haven't I told you six times over on as many different days that it is out of the question? What do you mean by bothering me in this way? You are making a nuisance of yourself!"

"If I seem to be more persistent than circumstances warrant, I must insist that you, sir, are to blame."

"Me!" shouted the indignant old man. "I don't understand you."

"There," said the man who loved his daughter as he pointed to a motto over the banker's desk, "is my excuse for coming here day after day, if at first you don't succeed, try, try, try again." Do you believe in that sentiment, or have you put it up there simply to deceive people?"

After he had scratched his head awhile the mean old plutocrat said:

"Yes, I believe in that. I haven't succeeded yet in making you understand that my daughter shall not become the wife of a fool, but I am going to keep on trying till I do! Good morning!"

And that time he did it.—Strand Magazine.

We would not be in the least surprised if it should be developed that Senator Foraker was a friend of the late South Carolina State dispensary.